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Tom Hardy takes over the role of Mad Max — taciturn loner of the postapocalypse — in "Fury Road," the franchise's first installment since "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome." / WARNER BROS. PICTURES



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### Crime



Andrew Pike / TRANSIT POLICE

### T cops bag N.H. sex offender, fugitive

MBTA Transit Police arrested a man loitering near the entrance of Downtown Crossing Station on an outstanding warrant for "sex offenses against child fondling."

Officers approached a man loitering near the Washington Street and Summer Street station entrance at about 11 a.m. The man gave police a fake name and date of birth, but they were later able to learn his real name.

Andrew Pike, 21, of Manchester, New Hampshire, was charged with being a fugitive from justice. **METRO**

### Murder

### Man shot dead in possible drug deal gone awry

A Fitchburg man was shot and killed at about 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday near Milk and Otis streets, investigators said.

Officers responded to a report of a gunshot fired near Alston Place and found Roy Rivera, 24, of 66 Fairmont Street slumped over in the front seat of a car with a gunshot wound. Rivera received CPR and was taken to Leominster Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police suspect a connection to an illegal drug transaction. **METRO**

## Investigation. State police seek car tied to fatal dump truck crash

Police are looking for a silver or gray Honda CRV after its driver allegedly caused a fatal dump truck crash Wednesday on Route 1 in Saugus.

Officers say that a man driving a dump truck hit the left side guardrail, flipped over and

returned to the upright position. The driver, John Thebeau, 62, of Wilmington, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Officers believe the vehicle triggered the crash by causing the paving truck to swerve and lose control. **NATE HOMAN**

### Investigation. A state board mulls whether a police officer's death is linked to the Boston bombers.

A Massachusetts retirement board will decide this month if a Boston police officer died from injuries sustained during a shootout with convicted Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev four days after the bombing, officials said on Thursday.

Dennis Simmonds, 28, col-

lapsed and died while working out at the police academy on April 10, 2014, about a year after Tsarnaev and his older brother engaged in a gunfight with police in Watertown as the pair tried to flee the area. Simmonds' family has said his death was a direct result of head wounds sustained in the gunfight.

An application for \$150,000 in benefits for police officers killed in the line of duty was "submitted on behalf of a police officer potentially related to the Boston Marathon attack of 2013," was initially filed in January,

Nick Favorito, executive director of the Massachusetts State Board of Retirement, said in a statement.

The state retirement board will review the panel's report before voting on the benefits application at its next meeting on May 28, said Matthew Sheaff, a spokesman for the state treasurer's office.

The Boston Police Department declined to comment.

Simmonds was awarded the department's highest honor for his bravery during the Watertown gunfight, when Tsarnaev and his late brother exchanged gunfire with cops. **REUTERS**

### Walsh on Simmonds' side

- Boston Mayor Marty Walsh said in a statement that he believed Simmonds deserved the payment.
- If Simmonds' death was caused by the Watertown shootout, he'd be Tsarnaev's fifth victim. He's already been convicted in federal court in Boston of bombing the marathon on April 15, 2013, killing three people and wounding 264 others, as well as of murdering MIT policeman Sean Collier.



The family of the late Dennis Simmonds, 28, applied for a line of duty death benefit of \$150,000. / BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Boston cop may be 5th death tied to Tsarnaev

### NEWS

### Weekend to be cloudy, rainy

Friday will be cloudy with a high near 73, the National Weather Service reports. Saturday has a chance of showers and thunderstorms with a high near 69. Sunday will be partly sunny with a high near 71.

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## Parenting. Dad calls 911 after forgetting baby in car at Quincy Station

A man reportedly called 911 asking for help Wednesday morning after realizing he forgot his 1-year-old baby girl in the back of his SUV after parking it at North Quincy Station.

ABC News obtained audio.

"I left my 1-year-old baby in my SUV by accident this morning," the father said to a 911 dispatcher. "I am on my way back to the station now."

The baby was in the car for about 35 minutes.

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# Train accelerated before fatal crash

**Investigation.** The probe continues into what caused the deadly Amtrak #188 crash.

In the final 60 seconds before Amtrak 188 derailed, the train accelerated from 75 mph to more than 100 mph, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) reported Thursday evening.

However, no official cause of the crash and why the train accelerated has not yet been determined, said NTSB board member Robert Sumwalt.

All equipment on the train is being examined for anomalies but none have yet been detected, he said.

Newly identified among the dead on Thursday were Laura Finamore, 47, a Manhattan realtor, Italian businessman Giuseppe Piras,



Brandon Bostian / PROVIDED

Derrick Griffith, the dean of student affairs and enrollment management at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, and Bob Gildersleeve, an executive with a food-safety-hygiene company, who was found in the train's wreckage on Thursday by a cadaver dog.

All 243 people aboard Amtrak 188 have now been accounted for, officials said Thursday.

The National Transportation Safety Board previously said that they determined the train was traveling at 106 mph in a 50 mph speed limit zone and that the engineer hit the emergency brake as the train took a left curve.

The NTSB will soon interview the train's engineer, Brandon Bostian, 32.

Bostian's attorney, Philadelphia lawyer Robert Coggs, told ABC's "Nightline" that Bostian is "distracted" and cannot remember the derailment. Bostian suffered a concussion, leg injuries and a head wound requiring 14 staples in the crash, but survived.



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## Baker praises the 29 Who Shine at the State House

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker applauds the 29 Who Shine 2015 Award recipients at the Massachusetts State House on Thursday. Since 2011, the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education has recognized 29 student graduates from the Commonwealth's public higher education system for their achievements inside and out of the classroom. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Captured



## Inmate gives officers the slip, caught an hour later

A prisoner escaped from Carney Hospital in Dorchester at about 3:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, but didn't get too far.

The inmate gave court officers the slip for a brief period of time, causing police to establish a perimeter around the hospital. Boston police were called in to assist the court officers.

The man was reportedly captured around 4:30 p.m.

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## Lower risk. Largest needle exchange tries free meth pipes in Seattle

Occasional crystal meth smoker Richard Russell ambles up to a church storage garage in a Seattle alley, and a recovering drug addict hands him two brand-new meth pipes, no questions asked.

One of about two dozen methamphetamine users who received free bubble-ended pipes on a recent afternoon, Russell is a participant in a pioneering but

illegal program launched in March that aims to indirectly curb infectious diseases.

"Dude's got something to smoke, but he doesn't have a pipe. What's he going to do?" Russell said later as he munched on a sandwich. "Panhandle, steal. Inject."

The theory behind the handout program is that giving meth pipes to drug users may steer some away from needles, which are far riskier than smoking, especially if the user is sharing with another person infected with HIV or hepatitis C.

There is little scientific evidence to support that claim, but The People's Harm Reduction Alliance, a privately funded needle-swap group run by drug users, said it has distributed more than 1,000 pipes in Seattle in a matter of weeks and could expand to other cities in Washington state and Oregon.

REUTERS



Handing out pipes may prevent needle use. / GETTY IMAGES

# Nepal earthquake death toll rises

**Missing.** Helicopters flew over eastern Nepal, and a team sent up a drone to search for US Marines' Huey chopper.

The death toll rose to 110 from the Himalayan country's second big earthquake in less than three weeks, according to the home ministry.

A Reuters correspondent flew on a Nepali military helicopter along the Tamakoshi River that runs by the town of Charikot, in the mountainous Dolakha district worst hit by Tuesday's 7.3 magnitude quake.

The river winds through rugged Himalayan terrain in an area whose tallest peak soars over 23,000 feet. Hillsides are



A boy walks by collapsed buildings in Kathmandu, Nepal. / GETTY IMAGES

cloaked with lush forest that would make it hard to sight the chopper that went missing after the crew was heard over the radio saying the aircraft had a fuel problem.

In Koshikhet village, a two-man civilian team was using a

drone to search for the missing Marine Corps UH-1Y, or Huey, as the model is better known, which was carrying six Marines and two Nepali soldiers.

"We are using infrared vision to look for hotspots and any signs of life," said drone

operator Shepherd Eaton, from GlobalMedic, a Canadian aid agency that specializes in search and rescue. Eaton and his partner wore cowboy hats, T-shirts and jeans and worked with a Nepali army team that had a helicopter. REUTERS

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# Green sea turtle released back into ocean

Taronga Zoo veterinarian Frances Hulst is seen releasing endangered green sea turtle "Alice" back into the ocean off North Head in Sydney, New South Wales. Alice was treated by zoo staff after she was found entangled in fishing line near Port Stephens in January. After having the line cut from her flipper and feet at a local animal hospital, X-rays revealed several fishing hooks, including one in her throat. Alice was then sent to Taronga, where the hook was removed, and vets nursed her. Hulst said the release went as planned. "Alice was obviously very keen to go," Hulst said. "We lowered her into the water where she stayed for 10 seconds at the back of boat and then she ducked her head under the water and dove away from us, which is fantastic." The zoo will continue to monitor her movements and health using a tracker as part of a program to reduce the impact of marine waste on animals.

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# Four things you need to know

## Iran navy fires shots at tanker as tensions rise in Gulf

Iranian naval vessels fired shots at a Singapore-flagged tanker in the Gulf on Thursday in what appeared to be the country's latest attempt to settle a legal dispute by force with a passing commercial vessel.

Around noon in the Gulf, five Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps naval ships approached the Alpine Eternity, prompting the oil-products tanker to flee to safety in United Arab Emirates' waters, the officials said.

One U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Iran had attempted to intercept the vessel in international waters because Tehran says it is liable for damage to an Iranian-owned oil platform it hit on March 22.

The incident signaled further escalation in tensions two

#### Quoted

**"The pattern looks like the Revolutionary Guards are using a commercial pretext to intervene in the incidents to date."**

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weeks after Iranian patrol ships diverted a Marshall Islands-flagged container vessel from the Strait of Hormuz to settle a years-old debt case.

The Pentagon declined to say whether it would again order U.S. warships to accompany commercial vessels passing through the Strait of Hormuz, as it did after the last incident.

Millions of barrels of oil are transported daily through the Bab el-Mandeb and Strait of Hormuz to Europe, the United States and Asia, waterways which pass along the coasts of Yemen and Iran respectively.

REUTERS

## Obama seeks to reassure Gulf allies on Iran

President Barack Obama sought to reassure Saudi Arabia and other Gulf allies of Washington's commitment to their security despite deep concern among Arab leaders about U.S. efforts to broker a nuclear deal with Iran.

Obama, hosting the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council at Camp David, faced the challenge of allaying Gulf Arab fears that the possible lifting of international sanctions on Tehran would embolden it to further destabilize the region.

"The United States will stand by our GCC partners against external attack and will deepen and extend cooperation that we have," Obama told reporters, with Gulf leaders standing by his side at the end of the talks.

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## Honda adds to air bag recalls, global tally now around 36 million

Honda recalled close to 5 million vehicles fitted with potentially faulty Takata air bag inflators, as investigations showed the problem behind one of the biggest auto safety crises may be more widespread than thought.

The latest move by Japan's third-largest automaker brings the overall global total of vehicles recalled for Takata-related air bags to around 36 million since 2008 and comes a day after Toyota and Nissan recalled 6.5 million vehicles worldwide.

Honda said it decided to recall the cars after finding some Takata bag inflators were not sealed properly.

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## Lawmakers blast Secret Service's 'culture of fear'

The U.S. Secret Service has pervasive problems and a deep-seated culture of fear and retaliation, U.S. lawmakers said on Thursday at a hearing to investigate how two senior agents drove a government car into White House barricades inches from a possible bomb after a late-night party.

The agency has come under pressure this past year over a string of embarrassing

allegations.

"We have a culture of secrecy, a culture of complacency and a culture of fear and retaliation," said Democratic Representative Elijah Cummings of Maryland.

In the March incident, Marc Connolly, second-in-command of President Barack Obama's security detail, and George Ogilvie, a senior supervisor, spent five hours drinking at a colleague's retirement party, running up a tab that included eight glasses of scotch, two vodkas, three beers and a glass of wine.

They then drove into a locked-down area and despite flouting agency rules and appearing drunk, were allowed to drive home in their government cars, according to a report released on Wednesday by the Department of Homeland Security's Inspector General.

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**"Mad Max"'s  
real star**



Furiosa takes the wheel  
in "Mad Max: Fury Road"  
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## Charlize Theron

Even Charlize Theron was surprised when she saw the script for "Mad Max: Fury Road" and learned her character — one-armed savior Furiosa — was almost the real star.

"I remember when George Miller showed me the storyboard, I expected to see a really cool re-interpretation of the 'Mad Max' world. I knew there would be an important female role, but as I started to turn the pages, I found her truly awesome — I was in such a shock. She is the one who carries the emotion of the script. I guess that is also what stuns the people who see the film. They expect Max to be the leader. But actually she is the one who shakes up the storyline with a haul on the wheel!"

Almost as shocking was what she did to her head: shave it. "Keeping my hair long would have looked weird," she says, laughing. "That was the only way I could see myself slipping into this underground, highly mechanical atmosphere, only surrounded by guys. That seemed impossible to do with a ponytail on my head. One day, I called George, and I suggested that we cut my hair. And he said OK! Three hours later, I was bald." **MW**



Theron and Hardy  
at Cannes.  
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THE FUN STARTS HERE

# Tom Hardy reveals the feminist side of 'Mad Max'

The "Mad Max: Fury Road" star explains why he's not actually the star.



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It's taken director George Miller 30 years to bring iconic postapocalyptic wanderer Mad Max back to the screen. In the supercharged update, Tom Hardy steps in for Mel Gibson — and then just as quickly steps aside for co-star Charlize Theron, who runs away with the film as Imperator Furiosa. And, as Hardy tells us, he's just fine with that.

**This isn't your dad's "Mad Max"**

"Mad Max is not actually in the driver's seat in this movie," Hardy says. "It's about time you had better female leads in action movies. This is not a feminist argument, it's a personhood situation. This is how we ought to reflect the times — not so much strong women, but just people. You know, you have a male and a female who are both just personhood situations on both sides of the gender. I wouldn't put it past George to come up with a transgender [hero]; do you know what I mean? He's not the type of person who's going to mince his words."

**The apocalypse can be good for a laugh**

"There's a sense of humor that George has, a certain fearlessness in the enjoyment of that post-apocalyptic world, demented fun," Hardy says. "There's not just, like, good versus evil, you know, or 'The Road' or something like that where everything's

just like devastatingly bleak, you know? It's a carnival, sort of a circus, sort of Vaudevillian. There is something almost Terry Gilliam-esque, Monty Python-esque, without banging the gong. There's almost a tongue-in-cheek delirium. Everything is designed as a sort of ghastly, grotesque humor."

**The film has a strong feminist streak**

"He's a smart man, George, so what he's doing is reflecting the times as well as pioneering at the same time. He's reading the times, what's going on," Hardy explains. "And it's no surprise to me that he would use a character that is synonymous with Mel Gibson, the silhouette and the icon of Mad Max, to reestablish the world which he started off 30-something years ago, but it's very clear that actually, right down to the shoulder pad on her left arm, [Theron] is the female protagonist of this movie."

**Tom is fine with not being the hero of this film**

"I think that's very, very smart of [George] to deliver a female lead in 'Mad Max,'" Hardy says. "I remember talking to George about old-school movie star, male/female chemistry. For me, personally, it's very important that one has to yield to the other to understand who's going to team lead. And in this one, Charlize led this entire movie, and you can see it clearly. One has to yield to that. Because if you fight it, you get malletted."

To read our exclusive chat with "Mad Max" mastermind George Miller, go to **Metro.us**

The apocalypse is tough on everyone.  
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# Bringing Bumper back

"Workaholics" star Adam DeVine is back for more in "Pitch Perfect 2."

Adam DeVine didn't think much of "Pitch Perfect" initially. "Just because I'm generally ill-prepared and smoke too much weed, I thought the first

Not Denzel Washington  
GETTY IMAGES



one was a baseball movie when I went to the audition," he remembers. "I get there, and there's all these super-handsome dudes with abs in their cheeks, and they're all singing." Luckily, he knew what he was getting into for "Pitch Perfect 2."

**Your character works as a campus security guard. Did you do any ride-alongs to prepare?**

A campus security ride-along? [Laughs] The campus security part of the movie isn't that detailed. I basically just wear a T-shirt. I'm not really securing much. You don't delve into that backstory too deeply. But to answer your question, no. Not at all. I did make out with Rebel [Wilson] several times before just to see how well our lips worked together. That was our ride-along. She's a killer smoocher. That girl has big old

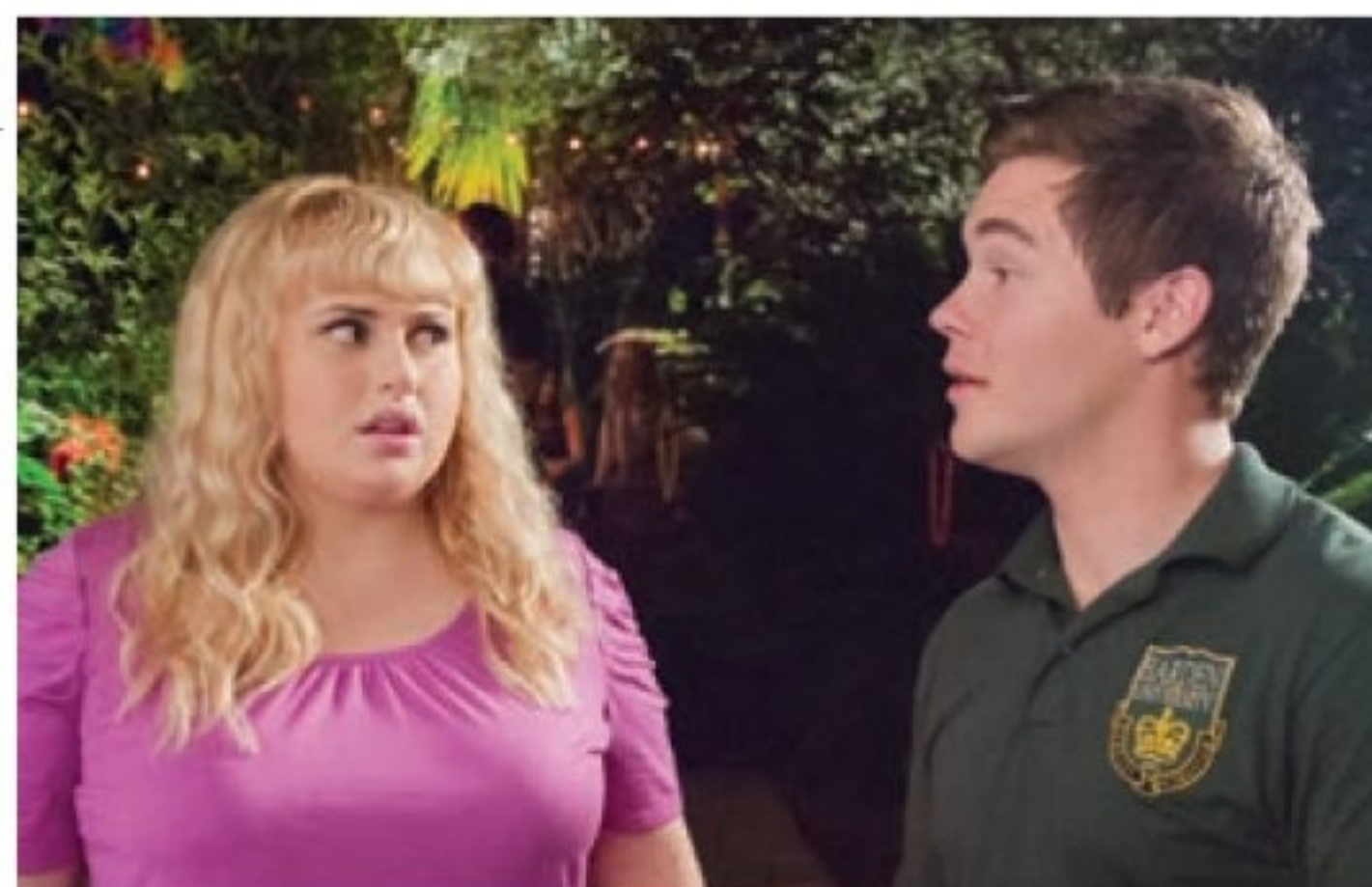
full lips, like little pillows.

**I'm sure she says the same about you.**

I hope so.

**You have a detailed Wikipedia page.**

My Wikipedia page is super-weird. When I first moved to L.A., I needed to have a bio, and I hadn't done anything besides a few high school plays and hosting a pep rally or whatever, so I just cut and pasted Denzel Washington's bio as a joke. So it was like, "Adam DeVine, star of 'Man on Fire' and 'Training Day,'" and then it said stuff like, "went to Fordham University, studied at the American Conservatory of Dramatic Arts in San Francisco." Everything else they caught eventually, but somehow the Fordham and American Conservatory stuff has stayed, so people think I'm, like, very well educated. [Laughs]



Adam DeVine (right) works on some onscreen romance with Rebel Wilson in "Pitch Perfect 2." RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

**But the part about you getting hit by a cement truck?**

I was hit by a cement truck when I was a kid, yeah, and I couldn't walk for a couple of years. That was a huge turning point in my life. I'm glad it happened because I don't think my parents would've allowed me to

move to L.A. when I was 18. They were all, "He almost died that one time. We can't say no to him."

**According to that Wikipedia page, next month is the 20th anniversary of the accident. What are you**

**doing to celebrate?** What I need to do is celebrate with these legs of mine — climb something, jump off things, go crazy. Or maybe I should get a cheap cement truck and blow it up. Happy anniversary, me!



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Hailee Steinfeld joins Anna Kendrick, Brittany Snow, Alexis Knapp and Rebel Wilson for the second "Pitch Perfect." RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

## 'Pitch Perfect 2'

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Well before it drops a left field Sonia Sotomayor joke, it's pretty clear "Pitch Perfect 2," like its predecessor, isn't an Up With People pepfest, getting in our face and ear canals with shrilly-committed a cappella. It aspires to meld the backstage '30s musical, like "The Gold Diggers of 1933," with a hypothetical live-action "Simpsons" episode. It's earnest but also post-modern, even mocking movies like these, as when it points out that two (though actually three, maybe four) of its white female leads are completely interchangeable. It offers ad-libs as well as absurdist jokes. When the Green Bay Packers swing by for an all-star a cappella off, the strange brew is something else.

It still succumbs to sloppy sequelitis. The plot doesn't make much

sense, even for a winkingly slapdash affair. Having won the national a cappella championship, our collegiate crooners go international, competing with the world's best and presumably weirdest. But it mostly hangs back home, killing time with half-hearted romantic pairings and newb Hailee Steinfeld. The film moves, be it through music or gags, though it could be more discerning with the latter. The first half has a comic verve, but it winds up both running out of steam and increasingly falling back on questionable jokes. Some of these are ethnic; the group's Latina and Asian members are both given a single, dumb running gag each that both parodies white ignorance while reinforcing the ignorance in the form of easy yuks. "Pitch Perfect 2" is hugely likable, and often exponentially funnier than it ever had to be, but no movie that so wastes Katey Sagal can be all good. **MP**

## 'Iris'

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Albert Maysles was a pioneer of the direct cinema/cinema verite/fly-on-the-wall style of documentary filmmaking, but he and his brother David were also often drawn to a less spontaneous attraction: fashion and design. "Grey Gardens" inspired a rash of Little Edie imitators; their films on Christo and Jeanne-Claude dwelled on bold art and its intrusion on the everyday. Iris Apfel, the nonagenarian fashion icon and runway gadfly, embodies the intersection of fashion, design and art. In the opening scene of "Iris," Albert Maysles' final solo film, its subject shows off an outfit that's a hodgepodge of various sources, which she's mixed and matched like a DJ. "I like originality," she says, though originality in her case comes



Iris Apfel and her supersized owl glasses dominate the final solo documentary by the legendary Albert Maysles. MAGNOLIA PICTURES

from combining, say, designer duds with scarves from an African boutique in Harlem.

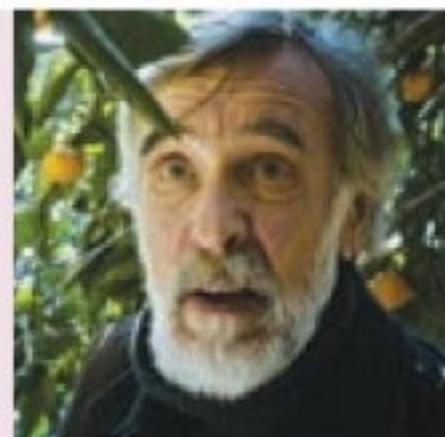
"Iris" hangs with Apfel, though not in the old Maysles way. There are traditional cutaways to photos and other such moves that Maysles rarely touched. Apfel is a charismatic doc star, and she and Maysles have a clear rapport; it's one legend meeting another. They're both senior citizens who never slowed down, preferring to be on the move, indulging in their rabid, insatiable curiosity (that and a sense of humor, she says, is all one needs in life) as well as the need to always change who they are. For Maysles, who passed in March at 89, his art was others; for Apfel, it's her body, on which she drapes an ever-changing array of clothes and jewelry. For her, no gallery can be better than Apfel herself. **MP**

## 'Tangerines'

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"Cinema is one big cheat," jokes a character in "Tangerines" who has just helped push a jeep off a cliff (long story), only for it not to explode into a rip-roaring ball of fire upon collision like you see in the movies. It's a quip, but it's supposed to also speak to this film's credibility — that it's not just a movie but rather a slice of real life. But that too is a lie. "Tangerines," for one thing, is a blunt anti-war film. Its setting is an ongoing conflict: the one between Georgia and Abkhazia.

In the middle is Ivo (Lembit Ufsak), a tangerine farmer forced to get involved after a shootout leaves two wounded men on his doorstep: Ahmed (Gorgi Nakashidze), a Chechen mercenary on the Abkhaz side who can't wait to get his hands on the other guy, Nika (Mikhail Meskhi), a Georgian. Ivo, tending



Lembit Ufsak plays an Estonian tangerine farmer caught up in a war skirmish in "Tangerines." SAMUEL GOLDWYN

to both, orchestrates a cease-fire, during which he can teach them to be decent humans again, sometimes through forced cohabitation, sometimes through directly lecturing them, and us, about the stupidity of war. Sometimes "Tangerines" can be funnier than it sounds, but every time it worms its way into your good graces, it whacks you upside the head with crude message-mongering. **MP**

# 'Mad Max: Fury Road'



Not only does "Mad Max: Fury Road" recast its hero from Mel Gibson to Tom Hardy, it gives more screen time to the female lead, robot-armed warrior Furiosa (Charlize Theron). WARNER BROS. PICTURES

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"Mad" Max Rockatansky is back, only this time he's Tom Hardy, and he's caught up in an epic car chase. On one side is a white-haired fascist, Immortan Joe (Hugh Keays-Byrne). On the other, one-armed warrior Furiosa (Charlize Theron), who's stolen Immortan's gaggle of comely young brides.

**The lowdown:** George Miller had to wait 30 years to make a fourth "Mad Max" movie. The anticipation shows: "Mad Max: Fury Road" explodes in a relentless flurry of grease-stained automotive mayhem peppered with explosions, collisions, dudes flying about on bending sticks and reams of S&M duds. In April, "Furious 7" scored a fair amount of wows for a scene where Vin Diesel and Paul Walker drove a souped-up ride not through two but three skyscrapers. But did that film have a fleet of porcupine cars? Some dude strapped to the front of a truck strumming out licks on a guitar flamethrower? A desert storm so towering it makes the Red Sea climax from last year's "Exodus" look

## 'Mad Max: Fury Road'

Director: George Miller  
Stars: Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron  
Rating: R  
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like a wave pool?

As ever, Max is part reluctant semi-hero, part bystander in a movie bearing his name. Hardy, an actor who never likes to be too liked, happily hands the movie over to Theron, whose buzz cut opens up her face, allowing her to project a constant aura of vulnerability and concentrated badassery. But even at her most swaggering, Theron is still a pawn; the real star is franchise director George Miller. Allowed to go back to his roots, especially after doing kiddie series ("Babe" and "Happy Feet"), he goes supersized times 1,000, dedicating the bulk to breathless, ridiculous action. Still, it exhausts without tiring out, running as it does "only" two hours and taking just enough time for characters and a sly, angry feminist streak.

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**Gemini | May 22-June 20**

You will be eager to succeed, but someone close to you will feel left out if your career aspirations take up too much of your time. A personal relationship needs nurturing.

**Cancer | June 21-July 22**

Someone will try to jeopardize your position. Don't go out on a limb for someone you cannot trust. Remain on good terms with your peers and colleagues to avoid jealousy.

**Leo | July 23-Aug. 22**

An unanticipated challenge will have a prosperous outcome. Use your leadership abilities to strengthen your business position.

**Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22**

A love interest will take you by surprise. Ask your financial adviser to recommend a sound investment choice that will help you stay solvent. Avoid overspending on home or self-improvement projects.

**Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22**

A romantic involvement is in the cards. A current or new relationship will increase in depth and passion. Open up talks that will lead to a better standard of living.

**Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21**

A surprising offer will come your way. Don't allow yourself to be sidetracked by minor matters. Concentrate on completing any unfinished business to clear your slate for a new endeavor.

**Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21**

You will be distracted today. Don't allow your lack of concentration to result in a careless mistake. Exercise extra caution while operating machinery or taking part in physical activities.

**Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20**

A power struggle at home will lead to long-lasting resentment. Compromise and cooperation will help rectify the situation.

**Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18**

Travel and education will feature strongly in your day. Consider traveling to an area whose features are vastly different from your own. The information you gain will be rewarding.

**Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20**

Procrastination will be your downfall. Get an early start on your daily responsibilities if you want to have time left over for pleasurable activities that will ease your mind.

**Aries | March 21-April 20**

Don't panic if your plans fall through. Instead, spend time pampering yourself. Some leisure time reading, listening to music or just relaxing will help soothe your frazzled nerves.

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## Letters to the editor

## Let's be more generous with the moms in need of financial assistance

**Re: 'Moms need money' (Metro, May 13)** I believe that we must help all women. We need living wages and whatever assistance mothers need. While some moms on welfare spend money on drugs, etc., most

don't. We can offer drug rehab and other programs. It is almost impossible to live on welfare. And while I believe in gratitude, I don't think it's right to be so cheap about helping mothers and children. I live on disability, and it is very stressful to live on so little money, and welfare gives way less. This is so hurtful and unnecessary. Let's be generous in the same way that we are, unfortunately generous, with the military. Why spend trillions on a murderous war in Iraq etc. but not give moms and children what they need?

Instead of focusing our anger on moms on welfare, let's focus on changing the forces that make it so hard for most of us to live well. The powers that be want us to fight each other, instead of making this a society that cares for all of our people, not just the very rich.

Let's have programs for moms on welfare who want to work that offer good, high paying jobs, and programs for those who have work but need more help. If moms, or dads for that matter, want to stay home with their kids, why not pay them?

There is a monetary value to society for the work mothers, and sometimes fathers, do at home.

Let's make this a society that is generous, relaxed and peaceful for all.

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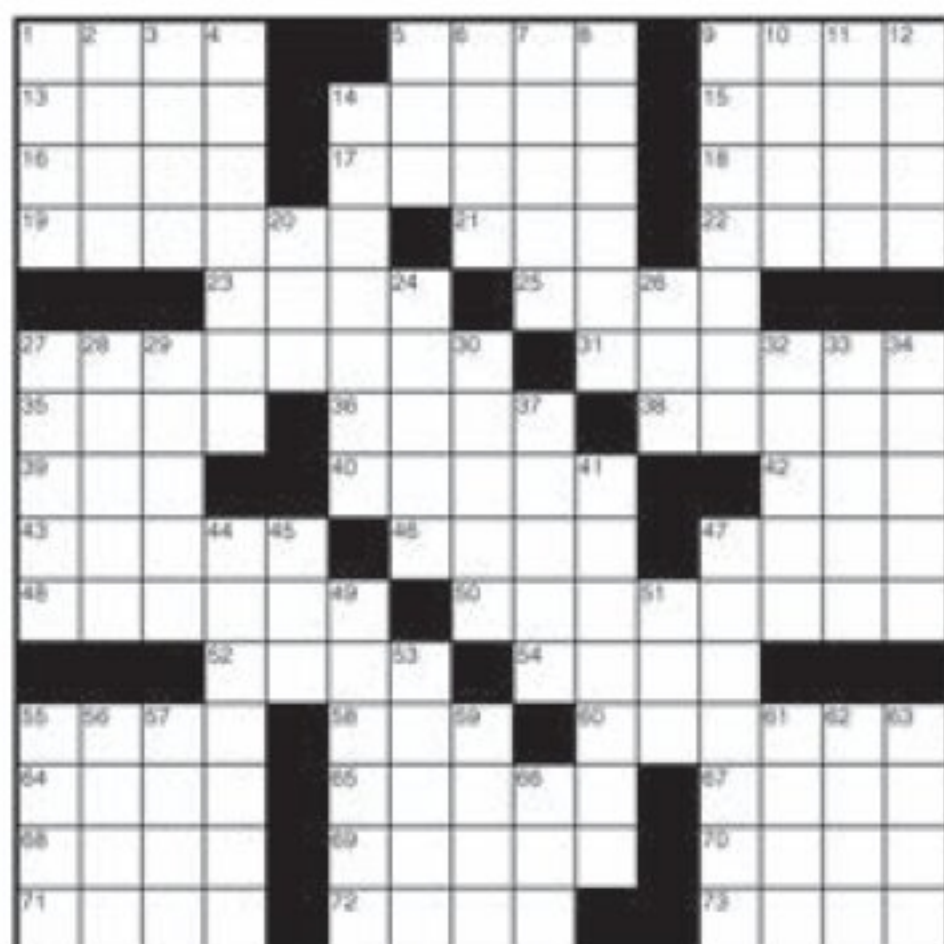
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## Across

- 1 Fat fiddle
- 5 Huge, in combos
- 9 Bench sitters
- 13 Norway's capital
- 14 Chef's tool
- 15 Axiom
- 16 Kelly of "Pogo"
- 17 Chloroform kin
- 18 Mineral deposits
- 19 Did some camels
- 21 Yoko --
- 22 Forest grazers
- 23 Island off Italy
- 25 Struck silent
- 27 Deli supply
- 31 Has words?
- 35 Fragrant blossom
- 36 Country adrs.
- 38 Declare invalid
- 39 Mamie's man
- 40 Agreements
- 42 Lemon cooler
- 43 Liner levels
- 46 Purse closer
- 47 Dimensions

48 Tycoon's home

50 Robs (2 wds.)

52 Causes a blister

54 Ocean flier

55 Comet's head

58 Sponge off of

60 Undamaged

64 Kind of sax

65 Dunce

67 Brick material

68 Flamingo color

69 DEA agents

70 Pay attention

71 Sit for a portrait

72 Insect pest

73 Egad!

## Down

1 Takes an oath

2 Meryl, in "Out of Africa"

3 Earthen jar

4 State-run game

5 Engineering sch.

6 Nymph who pined away

7 Actress -- Davis

8 Pointers

9 Crushed, as grapes

10 Malta's money

11 Helm position

12 Predicament

14 Many a cardinal

20 Yellowstone sight

24 Poker stakes

26 Eco-friendly feds

27 Soar

28 Goes backpacking

29 Vote in

30 Connery and Penn

32 Author -- Nin

33 Aggressive vine

34 Lie dormant

37 Metamorphic rock

41 Poltergeists

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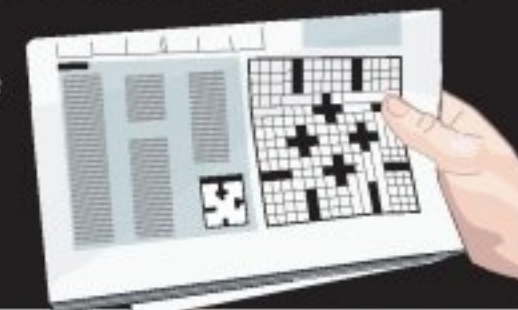
45 Erwin of films

47 Incomplete

49 On the wane

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51 Anderson Cooper's network

53 Khartoum's land

55 Yokums' creator

56 Mixed bag

57 Natural elevs.

59 Oscar-winner -- Sorvino

61 Jai --

62 Garden pond fish

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Pablo Sandoval's numbers from the left side of the plate dwarf his stats from the right side. / GETTY IMAGES

# Sox need 'lefty' Sandoval on an everyday basis

**MLB.** Pablo Sandoval has already shown he can hit for the Sox, but only from one side of the dish.

Aside from Hanley Ramirez, Pablo Sandoval may be the most important hitter in the Red Sox lineup. Hitting behind Dustin Pedroia, David Ortiz and Ramirez, Sandoval will have many opportunities to drive in runs, especially as the season goes on.

The third baseman is hitting .285 with 15 RBIs, but it could be even better.

Sandoval is a switch-hitter and he's hitting just .059 (2 for 34) from the right side, compared to .371 from the left side. This certainly raises the question: Should Sandoval abandon switch hitting and hit exclusively from the left side?

Daniel Nava, although not close to Sandoval's level production-wise, has done it this season, which proves it isn't uncommon. Sandoval has struggled for the last two years from the right side, as he hit .199 from the right side last year, so dating back to the beginning of the 2014 season, Sandoval is batting just .177 on that side of the plate.

### The slate

A look at what's ahead for the Red Sox:

- The Sox will continue their four-game set with the Mariners Friday in Seattle (10 p.m., NESN).
- **Clay Buchholz** gets the ball for the Sox Friday while **Rick Porcello** is scheduled to start Saturday night. **Steven Wright** is slated to pitch in the series finale.

This is bringing down his total average, as on top of hitting .371 from the left side this year, he hit .317 from the left side last year, and for his career he's a .306 hitter from the left side, while slugging .495. From the right side for his career he's a .262 hitter, slugging .378.

"It's a work in progress," John Farrell told reporters earlier in the year of Sandoval hitting from the right side. "He's working at it a lot with Chili [Davis] and Vic [Rodriguez], specifics that he's trying to take from BP into a game. The tough thing to understand is that two years ago, he hit .299 as a right-handed hitter. So it's in there. We've got to unlock it to make him more consistent."

It could also improve his sit-

uational hitting, including with runners in scoring position. Oftentimes, teams bring in left-handed relievers for Sandoval, forcing him to switch over to the right side.

With runners in scoring position this year, Sandoval is hitting .200. From the seventh inning on, the third baseman is hitting just .212, this compared to hitting .333 in the middle innings.

Farrell isn't going to pinch-hit a right-handed hitter for Sandoval; he's too good of a hitter for that. But at least for the time being what harm would be done if Sandoval decided to be an exclusively left-handed hitter?

As the Red Sox look to turn things around following their recent slump, the offense is a major part of it, especially their performance with runners in scoring position. Right now, Sandoval's .059 average from the right side is holding them back. Sandoval is 28 years old and has been in the majors for seven seasons, he knows what works and what doesn't work. It's time for him and the coaches to think long and hard about being a switch-hitter because the Red Sox desperately need his production.

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## Horse racing. The best bets to prevent American Pharoah from winning again

American Pharoah had to beat 17 horses to win the Kentucky Derby on May 2, but for Saturday's Preakness Stakes, only seven will dare face him. Pharoah will break from Post 1 when he tries to become the sixth horse in the 21st century to win the first two legs of the Triple Crown at Pimlico Racecourse in Baltimore, Maryland, (5 p.m., NBC). A look at the horses that could take down Pharoah:

**Dortmund (Post Position: 2 Odds: 7-2)**

The slightly shorter distance might enable Dortmund to hold off Pharoah; the Preakness is only 1 and 3/16ths of a mile compared to the 1 and 1/4 mile distance of the Derby. Curlin was the last horse to finish third in the Derby to win the Preakness (2007).

**Firing Line (Post Position: 8 Odds: 4-1)**

The aforementioned shorter distance might also benefit Firing Line. However, no Kentucky Derby runner-up has won the Preakness since

Prairie Bayou in 1993.

**Divining Rod (Post Position: 7 Odds: 12-1)**

Divining Rod won the Lexington Stakes at Keeneland by three lengths in his last start after campaigning at Tampa Bay Downs on the Derby trail. His connections chose to bypass the Derby in favor of the Preakness. He will be ridden by the defending Eclipse Award-winning Javier Castellano.

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# HOW ROGER GOODELL MADE MY GRANDMOTHER HATE TOM BRADY

My grandmother thinks Tom Brady cheated. She thinks Brady should be ashamed of himself. And for that, I blame Roger Goodell.

As I sit here trying to continuously analyze the Wells Report, the only emotion I can muster up is one of genuine disdain.

Not directed toward Tom Brady. Not directed toward anyone in the New England Patriots organization. That anger is entirely aimed at the National Football League, and more specifically, Goodell, for allowing the air pressure in a football to come to this.

When I say "this," I mean an investigation, followed by a 243-page report, followed by a embarrassingly-severe punishment, followed by a clarification conference-call by the man who wrote that report, followed by a rebuttal from the organization being accused of breaking a rule.

It's a rule, mind you, that nobody in the entire league

## Opinion

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cared about, until now. And yet, here we are, with Brady having received a four-game suspension, the Patriots having lost two draft picks, and \$1 million.

Yeah, disdain is the right word. And Goodell is the person I'm angry at. I mean, after all, he made my grandmother hate Brady. And that's a pretty tough thing to do.

As of Thursday afternoon, the NFL commissioner still hadn't spoken. He had Troy Vincent write letters to the Patriots and to Brady. Heck, we've even had a Ted Wells conference call before Goodell has even poked his head out of the door.

Wells had 243 pages to clarify anything and everything that he needed to clarify. He then felt the need to have his own media session in order to explain himself after the league handed out its punishment.

Uh, Teddy boy, that's not how this works. If you

can't explain yourself in 243 pages or less, then you've failed miserably. But Goodell should have never even let it go this far.

Now, the Patriots have released a Wells Report "rebuttal," in which they give their reasoning for believing "the conclusions of the Wells Report are, at best, incomplete, incorrect, and lack context."

But let's be honest, this rebuttal isn't for people like myself, who believe this has been a non-issue since the first time "Deflategate" was reported over three months ago. It's not for people who have common sense and understand that the air pressure in a football has had no bearing on the success of Brady or the Patriots.

And that's not saying my grandmother lacks common sense. But she sees what's reported. She hears that her quarterback was "illegally deflating footballs in order to gain a competitive edge."

When I first heard the news of Brady's suspension, I was up at my grandmother's house. As the news broke, she looked up to me and yelled unpleasantly, "He used to be an All-American boy!"

The report on TV was telling her that Brady would have to now miss the first four games of the regular



Tom Brady USED to be an All-American boy. / GETTY IMAGES

season. They were relaying this news to her as if Brady was a criminal.

Thinking to myself, "it's only a football," all I could do was turn back to the

television.

It was that moment in which I realized I hated Roger Goodell. For he made my grandmother hate Tom Brady.

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## NFL. Patriots, Brady respond to NFL, Wells Report on a busy Deflategate day

Not only did Tom Brady officially file an appeal Thursday to get his four-game suspension reduced, the Patriots also fired a shot back at the NFL and the Wells Report as they created their own website dedicated to debunking the document.

WellsReportContext.com is now a thing thanks to the Pats, and they begin their lengthy rebuttal with the following:

"The conclusions of the Wells Report are, at best, incomplete, incorrect and lack context. The Report dismisses the scientific explanation for the natural loss of psi of the



Robert Kraft continues to back Tom Brady. / GETTY IMAGES

Patriots footballs by inexplicably rejecting the Referee's recollection of what gauge he

used in his pregame inspection. Texts acknowledged to be attempts at humor and exaggeration are nevertheless interpreted as a plot to improperly deflate footballs, even though none of them refer to any such plot. There is no evidence that Tom Brady preferred footballs that were lower than 12.5 psi and no evidence anyone even thought that he did. All the extensive evidence which contradicts how the texts are interpreted by the investigators is simply dismissed as "not plausible." Inconsistencies in logic and evidence are ignored."

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